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THE APRIL 16TH MEETING IS INDOORS AT CRCC!!

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

STUTTER STEPPING SPRING

With spring's inability to make a final decision I have been splitting my time between the shop and the field. I did get a sun burn one day and then froze my fingers shoveling snow a few days later. The weather was nice enough to get the new wind sock installed which is a great improvement to help with landings and judging variable wind directions.



We are only a month away from our float fly. Ice on the lake is gone so now we are hoping for warmer weather. Tyler Gresiak and his dad have volunteered to handle the retrieve boat duties. The food is all planned along with raffle prizes. Thanks to all those who have helped in organizing this event.



Shop time has been beneficial to further progress on the Stinson, finishing an Uproar 60 for funflays, and I have the 65 inch Ultimate biplane ready for the biplane fly. Looking forward to a great flying season.

This will be the last meeting indoors this spring until September. Bring your winter projects to show them off before you maiden them.

See you all then!

Jeff Slater





FROM THE VEEP

Editor: The VeeP didn't have anything written this month, but wanted to share the following.

I would like to reiterate that safety is every member's responsibility. If you see something, politely remind that person that they are not being as safe as they could be.

Also, a quote: Why does the last 10% of a build take 90% of the time?

John DeVries

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our head count for the end of March is 86. This includes three new members, Robert LaBrash, Roseville; Theodore Gonyeau, Eagan; Tony Forchas, Vadnais Heights. Welcome to ACRC.

At the last meeting, we had a lively discussion on the rules for visitors flying from the ACRC field as a guest of a member or the club. I have reviewed the By-Laws and the Field rules and was unable to find any written rules for AMA members or non-AMA members to fly from the ACRC field. The AMA only provides guidance for NON-AMA member pilots flying from a Chartered AMA site. In a nut shell, that can only happen once, the flight must be using a "buddy-box"

with an AMA member on the box with the NON-AMA member.

ACRC currently has no formal written guest pilot policy for either AMA members or non-member guests.

Wishing for warmer weather.

Earl Hendricks

EVENT COORDINATOR

The time has come for our first flying event of the 2026 summer flying season. The Float Fly In is going to be held May 2nd with a rain-day set for May 3rd.

The Nowthen City Hall has been informed and the swimming beach we use will be open to us and the bathrooms "should" also be open and available for use. AMA is required to fly and there will be a 10-dollar landing fee. Pilots meeting at 9:30am. Lunch will be hamburgers and hotdogs. The address for Twin lakes park is 9435 Viking Blvd NW Nowthen, MN 55330.

I hope to see you all there!

Mike Reinert

A LOOK BACK

APRIL 2008

18 YEARS AGO

Sorry folks, that particular newsletter has flown the coop, but I do know this:

We had a meeting

We have money in the bank

We have lots of members

There will be events this summer.

APRIL 1998

28 YEARS AGO

A frequency use list was published from club application information.

Channels 52, 50, and 38 round out the top used.

Also, the "ban" on channels 20 & 21 has been lifted. Wide band receivers are "use at your own risk" now.

A long list of planned events included Fun-Flys, Float-Flys, Helicopter-Flys, and 2 Scale type events.

A brief article on polyester fabric covering tension, and how it will vary with the temperature used. It will shrink 5% at 250 degrees, 10% at 350 degrees, and it turns to mush at 425.

5 members brought Show & Tell items ranging from a small fiberglass cowling to an 82-inch span TDM Avenger.

Tim Karash

ACRC MINUTES

Board members present:

Jeff Slater, Marc Tellevik, John DeVries, Cameron Devries, Earl Hendricks, Mike Reinert, Tim Karash.

12 Member present plus board

No guests

Membership Report:

83 Members as of 3/19/26

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$130.91

Expenses: \$128.27

Safety Officer Report:

No issues

Event Coordinator:

All events have been sanctioned.

All events are open to any AMA members provided they meet the event criteria and pay the landing fees.

Combat events have not been sanctioned. Whether or not they are to be open to the public, resulted in much discussion. Many definitions and scenarios will need to be verified and agreed upon.

The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Training Report:

Training will start in May

Old Business:

Mowing list from last year will be used as a starting point for this year. Members will be notified.

New Business:

None

Show and Tell:

Scott Oleson brought a GP Dazzler, powered with an ex-pattern plane Rossi 40. He added a Rossi mini pipe for extra zoom. The plane is built as one piece, which makes it a bit clumsy in the shop and for transport. The Rossi motor is heavy, requiring a 1400 LiFe battery at tail to balance.

Jeff Slater brought a motor for a 65-inch Ultimate. It has a special carb that he is trying to locate mixture adjustment screws.

Jeff's wife requested that he build her a biplane, so he pulled a kit out of storage. It is a music box driven wooden tower, with 3 tiny biplanes that circle the tower, using gears and pushrods for motion as the music plays. Thousands of parts, all with dovetail joints, slip fit together to form the structure. Each plane has 50 parts in them. No glue is used.

Raffle:

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| 1) Ammo can | Ted Sander |
| 2) Hobby knife set | Tim Karash |
| 3) Shoe Goo glue | Earl Hendricks |
| 4) Steel ruler | Marc Tellevik |
| 5) Magnetic retriever | Scott Oleson |

Submitted by Tim Karash

TREASURER'S REPORT

If anyone is interested in joining the mowing crew, we have a few choice spots available for those hardy individuals that like to play with tractors on Thursday mornings.

Please contact Marc Tellevik: marct@ruby4us.com

Marc Tellevik

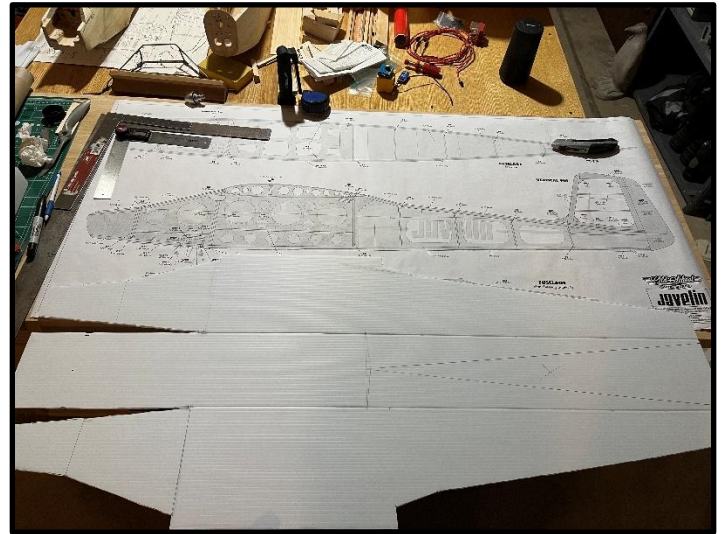
Editor's Ramblings

The beginning of the 2026 season has been a bit different for me than usual. I haven't flown much, only getting in two flights in February. Hopefully my thumbs aren't too rusty by the time the weather cooperates for me to be at the field. Otherwise, I have been spending more time in my workshop, though despite commenting last month that I've been working on a couple of my balsa models, they haven't progressed recently either.

The reason for that came down to a concern for my respiratory health. Many of you may know (or will now know) that inhalation of the dust we create while sanding our models can be hazardous for our breathing. It is even possible to develop an allergy to balsa dust. I don't think that I am that far yet, but I've noticed after sessions of sanding on my projects that I will cough a bit to clear the dust from my lungs. Since I had allergies to pretty much anything outdoors when I was younger, this was not a welcomed reminder of what it can be like, so I set out to make some changes.

First, I wanted to build a downdraft table that I can sand on top of to minimize the amount of dust that floats around in the air. I already acquired a quieter shop vacuum and hooked it up to a dust separator. Plus, I had a piece of peg board lying around from the previous owners of our house. I looked up a general plan online and purchased the rest of the wood I would need. I have most of the cuts done, but I lack the tools to make the grooves in the side rails, so that went on hold until I can find someone to let me borrow some time on their table saw or router table.

Which brings me to my latest project. In leu of making balsa dust, I switched gears and started working on the Coro-Javelin that I mentioned as show-and-tell at a recent club meeting. I'm basically taking the Javelin design from Old School Model Works and building it out of corrugated plastic material, similar to the trainer that I started with. The Javelin has fairly straight and boxy lines, so it was easy to replicate in the method I've learned for making these plastic airframes. So far, I have the fuselage cut, folded, and glued in its basic shape. I also made a double layer of coroplast to cut the horizontal tail out of.



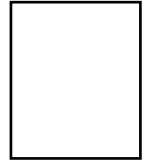
It is a fun and unique process of building an airplane out of plastic. It goes together quickly and there are some interesting techniques required, such as "flashing" the oils off of the surfaces with a torch so that the CA glue will bond the pieces together. It takes some practice to not melt the material as well.

Though my early season activities haven't been what I expected, I'm still finding ways to have fun with this hobby that we all enjoy. Now if I could only get a plane ready for the Biplane or Big Bird fly in events this year, I'd be all set. That may or may not happen...

Ryan Kontak

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – April 16

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Saturday – May 2

- ACRC Float Fly

Saturday – May 16

- ACRC Spring Fly-In

Thursday – May 21

- ACRC Meeting-At the Field

Saturday – June 13

- ACRC Biplane Fly

Meetings are held at 7:00 pm

At the Field – May thru August

At CRCC – September thru April

Dome – Blaine National Sports Dome

Hall – Blaine National Sports Hall

CRCC - Coon Rapids Civic Center

